(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to regulate the fees and admissions in 4000 private colleges functioning across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;

(c) whether views of the States Government have been ascertained, especially relating to higher education which is included in the concurrent list;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve uniformity while respecting freedom of the States to take into account their local conditions in deciding the fees and admission policy of the respective institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (e) A Central legislation has been drafted for vetting for the regulation of admission and fixation of fee in private aided and unaided professional colleges by concerned departments for obtaining views of various stakeholders including State Governments.

Child death rate

644. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 2.60 crore new born children 12 lac children die in first four weeks of their life and another 8 lac die before completing one year;

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce child death rate and the target set for this and for coming years;

(c) what is the estimated number of children suffering from Malnutrition as on the 31st December, 2004; and

(d) whether it is a fact that at every minute one child dies of malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of direct and indirect interventions are being implemented by different sectors of the Government to bring down the death rate among children. Some of these are mentioned below:

1. National Diarrhea Control Programme.
2. National Acute Respiratory Disease control Programme.
3. Universal Immunization Programme.
4. Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood illnesses.
5. Integrated Child Development Services Scheme.
6. Vitamin-A Supplementation Programme.
7. Iron Folic Acid Supplementation Programme.
8. Promotion of exclusive Breastfeeding for the first six months of life.
9. Promotion of Complementary feeding from six months of age.
10. Food & Nutrition Education Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board.
11. National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme of Department of Health.

In 10th Five Year Plan, goals have been set to bring down the Infant Mortality Rate to 45 per thousand live birth and proportion of underweight children from 47 to 40%.

(c) As per NFHS II, almost 47% of children under 3 years are underweight.

(d) The details of number of child death due to malnutrition are not being centrally maintained.

Differences between AICTE and Council of Architecture

645. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education and the Council of Architecture have some differences regarding their role, Powers and Authority to grant intake, additional courses and new institutions of Architecture in the country;